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CIA Employee Found Dead 2 Days After He Was Arrested in Fairfax

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FAIRFAX — Virginia State Police are investigating the death of a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee found Thursday in a Winchester motel room, two days after he was arrested by Fairfax County Police on a murder charge.

Kenneth N. Wamsley, 35, of 7816 Penley Place, Springfield, was arrested by a county vice-squad detective at Seven Corners Shopping Center and placed on \$100 bond. His trial date was set for Nov. 19.

A Winchester motel owner, L. C. Bond, found Wamsley dead on a bed in one of the motel rooms at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday. State policemen investigating the

death say there is no evidence of foul play.

According to the Frederick County medical examiner, the preliminary autopsy did not reveal the cause of death. State policemen say that it will be a week before findings are released on the completed autopsy.

A native of Elkins, W. Va., Wamsley graduated from the Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, W. Va. in 1952 in business administration. He was married in 1952 and had two sons.

According to CIA records, he was in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps (C.I.C.) from March 1951 to 1953. He entered the CIA in May 1953 and has worked there as an administrative assistant.

A CIA official said Wamsley had received the basic clearance re-

quired of all CIA employees. He passed the clearance check, the official said.

"There was no question of security in this case," the official said. He explained that Wamsley did not have access to confidential security material.

After Wamsley was charged Tuesday afternoon by Fairfax police, the CIA was notified, Maj. Duerr said.

They said that Wamsley did not appear for work on Wednesday, but had not been discharged. Mrs. Wamsley last saw her husband Wednesday evening. She reported him missing to Fairfax Police Thursday at about noon.

When questioned about circumstances of Wamsley's death, CIA officials said "that is a matter for the police."

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